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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment and remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is related to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-184466, filed

June 29, 1999.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to delete the improper incorporation by reference of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-184466. In addition, Applicants intend to file a Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney indicating that priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 11-184466 is not claimed in the present application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same. If, however, some issue